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Curricula vitae of candidates nominated by Governments of States Parties

Note by the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

The Secretary-General hereby submits to the Meeting of States Parties the curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by a State party for the election of a judge to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Tribunal due to the demise of Judge Lihai Zao of China on 10 October 2000. The election is for the remainder of his term of six years, which would have ended on 30 September 2002.

II. Curriculum vitae

Xu Guangjian (China)

Current position: Ambassador and Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), People's Republic of China.

Place and date of birth: Sichuan Province, China, 15 August 1931.

Languages: Chinese, English.

Education

Department of International Politics, Qinghua University, Beijing, 1950-1952.

Master of Laws, Foreign Affairs College, People's University of China, Beijing, 1956.

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Career Background

1995-present:	Legal Adviser and Ambassador, MOFA, China.
1985-present:	Adjunct Professor of International Law, Foreign Affairs College, Beijing.
1992-1995:	Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFA, China.
1990-1992:	Consul-General (Ambassadorial rank) of China in Sydney, Australia.
1985-1990:	Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFA, China.
1965-1985:	Deputy Director and Director, Department of Treaty and Law, MOFA, China.
1956-1964:	Lecturer and Associate Professor of International Law, Foreign Affairs College, Beijing.

Academic activities

Vice-President and Senior Adviser, Chinese Society of International Law.

Vice-President, Chinese Society of the Law of the Sea.

Senior Researcher, Hainan Research Institute of the South China Sea.

Senior Adviser, Chinese Institute of Marine Affairs.

Professional Activities

Alternate Representative, Chinese Delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, 1976-1982.

Head of Chinese delegation to the following meetings:

- Informal Consultations by the United Nations Secretary-General on Part XI of the UNCLOS, 1993.
- Meeting of States parties to UNCLOS, 1994.
- Annual sessions of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, 1985-1989, 1994-1995, 1998-1999.
- Sessions and informal consultations of the Fourth Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting on Antarctic Mineral Resources, 1985-1988.
- Sessions of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Outer Space and its Legal Subcommittee, 1985-1989.
- First and second sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification, 1993.
- Thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, 1994-1995.

Chief Chinese representative, Joint Committee of Sino-Pakistan Boundary Inspection, 1985-1987.

Chief Chinese representative, Joint Committee for the Demarcation of the Eastern Section of the Sino-Russian Boundary, 1992-1995.

Special Adviser, Chinese delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, 1993-1994.

Representative of China, Sixth Committee of the General Assembly, 1993-1994.

Alternate head of the Chinese delegation to the inaugural meeting of the International Seabed Authority, 1994.

Senior Expert, Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea, 1993-present.

Head of the Chinese Expert Group on Marine Issues in the Sino-Vietnamese Boundary Delimitation Negotiations, 1994-present.

Senior Legal Adviser, Chinese Expert Group on the Delimitation of the Sino-Vietnamese Boundaries in the Beibu Gulf, 1995-present.

Lectures and publications

Lectures and articles on international law and the law of the sea, including inter alia, the following:

- "Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea and UNCLOS", *Chinese Yearbook of International Law*, 1983.
- *New Developments in the International Law of the Sea*, Foreign Affairs College, 1983.
- *International Seabed Development Regime in UNCLOS*, Chinese Society of International Law, 1985.
- "International Law and Diplomacy", Chinese Society of International Law, 1993.
- *Legal Issues on the Agreement Implementing Part XI of UNCLOS*, Chinese Society of the Law of the Sea, 1994.